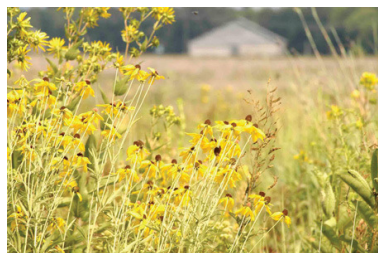


Prophetstown State Park

School & Group Programs 2014 - 2015

In addition to regular public programs such as those found on the monthly interpretive program schedule, the interpretive services staff offers private programming for schools, scouts, groups, bus tours, and more. The following information should help you plan an eventful and educational trip that is sure to leave an impression on your group.



Indiana's newest state park, Prophetstown is located where the Tippecanoe River meets the Wabash near the town of Battle Ground. The park's landscape has been shaped by ice from glaciers, moving water, fire that helped maintain the vast tallgrass prairie and human hands. Native American people hunted and lived along the two rivers for thousands of years. French trappers and traders found the land teeming with wildlife, and European farmers discovered that the rich, deep prairie soils grew healthy corn and wheat.

The park is named for a Native American village located between the rivers established by the Shawnee brothers Tenskwatawa (The Prophet) and Tecumseh in 1808. Prophetstown State Park provides a reproduction of the significant buildings of an 1800's Native American settlement. The village offers the opportunity to understand a Native American perspective of family, social, and political issues tied to this landscape.

Through a unique partnership with the non-profit agency, The Farm at Prophetstown, visitors can also tour a real working farm dedicated to showing the early American agricultural lifestyle.

Prophetstown State Park has over seven miles of hiking and biking trails available year-round which lead visitors through a variety of habitats of flora and fauna. Trails range in difficulty from easy to moderate.

Picnic areas are located in the park with tables, charcoal grills, restroom facilities, playground equipment, and shelters. Picnic shelters can be reserved for a fee by calling 1-866-6-CAMP-IN or online at www.camp.in.gov. Otherwise, they are available on a first-come, first-served basis, and there is no charge.

Prophetstown State Park offers many natural history, cultural history, and geologic history programs for all age groups and grades, such as hands-on nature programs for youngsters, Indiana history for elementary and middle school age kids, in-depth programs about wildlife sciences, resource conservation, and environmental management for higher grades. We can incorporate your current class curriculum into any interpretive program, including additional physical education and the arts.

The following programs can be reserved for your group. Additional programs on other topics can often be designed to meet your specific needs and the needs of your students. All times are for one class - groups with more than 25 are usually split up into more than one group and include additional rotation activities. Most programs can be brought to your school or meeting site.

Visit the park's website at <http://www.in.gov/dnr/parklake/2971.htm> for more information. To schedule a program today call Angie Manuel at (765) 567-4919 or email amanuel@dnr.in.gov

Program Fees

Single park program - \$2/person

Guided farm tour with up-close animal experience - \$5/person

Two or more park programs in one day (i.e. the Prophetstown History and Habitat Hike) - \$3/person

****Teachers, bus drivers, and chaperones are exempt and the entrance fee is waived.**

Prophetstown History

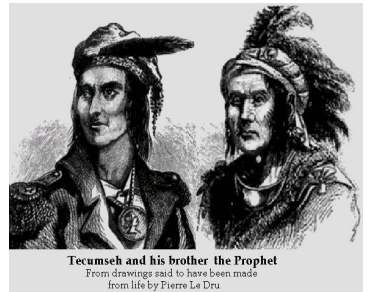
Chosen by Native Americans for thousands of years, this prairie, river, and wooded bluff landscape has provided the essentials of life and culture. We'll take a prairie hike ending at the re-created Native American village for a look at the family, social, and political issues that the Shawnee brothers, Tenskatawa and Tecumseh, and other Native American tribes may have faced. Discover how Prophetstown got its name during this interactive program. [Optional Extension: Interactive archaeology and artifact demonstration; participants take home a replica arrowhead for an additional fee – call ahead.]

Program availability: Year-round

Suggested Age group: 2nd – 8th grade

Min./Max. group size: 10 / 100 (split into smaller group rotations)

Location & length: Prophetstown State Park or at your site, 60-90 minutes per group



The Farm at Prophetstown

Discover early American agriculture at this historic 1920's farm. Tour the Sears & Roebuck kit house, walk the farmstead visiting the gardens, chicken coop, horse barn, pig enclosure, and more.

Program availability: Year-round

Suggested Age group: 2nd – 8th grade

Min./Max. group size: 10 / 100 (split into smaller group rotations)

Location & length: The Farm at Prophetstown, approximately 90 minutes



Prophetstown Prairie

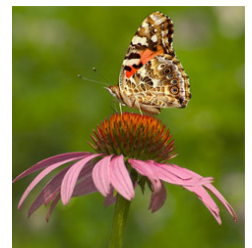
Prairie is one of North America's great ecosystems and a vital habitat for many plants and animals. During this hike, we'll discover the grasses and flowers that make up a prairie, the animals that depend on this terrestrial habitat, the benefits of prairie to the overall landscape, and the difficulties of keeping this grassland wild.

Program availability: Year-round

Suggested Age group: 2nd – 8th grade

Min./Max. group size: 10 / 100 (split into smaller group rotations)

Location & length: Prophetstown State Park, 45 minutes per group



Wetland Wonders

The landscape at Prophetstown State Park was created millennia ago when glaciers moved and melted carving out waterways and wetlands. Discover why these aquatic habitats are important homes to some of the park's rarest plants and animals, why they are beneficial to future water events, and how they keep our water clean.

Program availability: Year-round

Suggested Age group: 2nd – 8th grade

Min./Max. group size: 10 / 100 (split into smaller group rotations)

Location & length: Prophetstown State Park, 45 minutes per group



Habitat Trail

This program introduces children to the wonders of the woodland, grassland, and waterways. Together we'll take a short walk through the woods and prairie to encounter the homes of different kinds of animals. This interactive walk stimulates the senses by providing opportunities for children to touch furs, peak in a bluebird box, and learn new vocabulary. An upper level version of this hike further explores the park's unique habitats, such as prairie, savanna, woodland, riparian, wetland, and river ecosystems.

Program availability: Year-round

Suggested Age group: Pre-school – 3rd grade; 4th - 8th grade upper level program

Min./Max. group size: 10 / 100 (split into smaller group rotations)

Location & length: Prophetstown State Park, 30-60 minutes per group

Wild Edibles and Medicinal Plants Hike

Native Americans and early settlers valued plants for their medicinal and edible properties. Prophetstown State Park hosts an abundance of these wildflowers and berries during the spring and summer months. Students will stroll through the woods and prairie to discover the hidden benefits of wild plants.

Program availability: Spring and Summer Seasons

Suggested Age group: 2nd – 8th grade

Min./Max. group size: 10 / 100 (split into smaller group rotations)

Location & length: Prophetstown State Park, 60-75 minutes per group



Spring Wildflower Hike

From March to May, the forest floor is carpeted with spring wildflowers. Discover how these hardy little plants have adapted to grow, survive, and pollinate in such a small, and often cold, window of time. Students will learn to identify approximately ten wildflowers by color, leaf shape, and flower petals.

Program availability: Spring and early Summer Seasons Only

Suggested Age group: 2nd – 8th grade

Min./Max. group size: 10 / 100 (split into smaller group rotations)

Location & length: Prophetstown State Park, 60-75 minutes per group

Fall Leaf Collections

Take the guess work out of collecting leaves. We'll help students build their collections using a dichotomous key to identify trees and leaves. Everyone will gather ten leaves and grasp an understanding of key terms and tree folklore. [Optional Extension: Mount the leaves and make a booklet for a small additional fee – call ahead.]

Program availability: Year-round

Suggested Age group: 2nd – 6th grade

Min./Max. group size: 10 / 100 (split into smaller group rotations)

Location & length: Prophetstown State Park, 60-90 minutes per group

Resource Management: A Prescription for Success

What does it take to keep a park natural and beautiful? Discover how Prophetstown State Park is restoring native habitats to pre-settlement conditions, which include wetlands, wet slopes called fens, prairie and open woodland. Learn about the research for information and the methods for restoration including prescribed burns, prairie plantings, wetland reclamation, and greenhouse operations.

Program availability: Year-round

Suggested Age group: 4th – higher ed

Min./Max. group size: 10 / 100 (split into smaller group rotations)

Location & length: Prophetstown State Park or at your site, 60-75 minutes per group



Herps 101: Reptiles and Amphibians

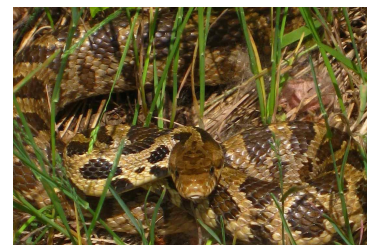
Have you ever touched a snake or held a toad? Get up close and personal with our educational critters! Discover the wonderful world of cold-blooded animals and see what makes reptiles different from amphibians. Then gather some interesting and fun facts about their diets, habitats, and adaptations for survival during this live animal program.

Program availability: Year-round

Suggested Age group: Pre-school – 6th grade

Min./Max. group size: 10 / 100 (split into smaller group rotations)

Location & length: Prophetstown State Park or at your site, 45-60 minutes per group



Animal Adaptations: Wildlife of Indiana

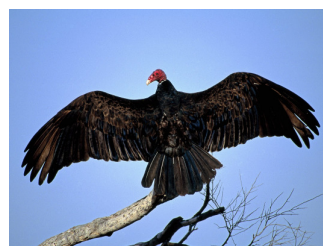
Did you ever wonder how some animals run the fastest, fly the highest, smell the worst, or behave badly? They do it because of survival, and they are perfectly adapted for it! Animals have unique physiological characteristics and behaviors that let them live in the wild successfully. Discover interesting and fun facts about animal's adaptations to food, habitat, locomotion, mating, and more during this interactive program which includes animal furs, mounts, and live educational critters.

Program availability: Year-round

Suggested Age group: Pre-school – 6th grade

Min./Max. group size: 10 / 100 (split into smaller group rotations)

Location & length: Prophetstown State Park or at your site, 45-60 minutes per group



Birding 101

Students will identify common birds using field techniques and guide books. This indoor and outdoor program showcases the different habitats used by different birds, and teaches about how to create their own backyard habitat. [Optional Extension: Build a bird suet feeder or hummingbird feeder for an additional fee – call ahead.]

Program availability: Year-round

Suggested Age group: 1st – 8th grade

Min./Max. group size: 10 / 100 (split into smaller group rotations)

Location & length: Prophetstown State Park, 45-60 minutes per group



Geology Rocks!

Glaciers made their mark first when vast quantities of ice moved slowly across this land at least three times, carving the land into gently rolling topography. As the ice receded, rocks carried from the northern part of our continent were left behind – ranging in size from large boulders to gravel and sand deposits. And, as the glaciers melted, they carved out the river bluffs exposing ground water supplies. Students will gain a basic understanding of Indiana's geologic history by closely examining and identifying different types of rocks and landscapes.

Program availability: Year-round

Suggested Age group: 4th – 8th grade

Min./Max. group size: 10 / 100 (split into smaller group rotations)

Location & length: Prophetstown State Park, 60-75 minutes per group

